GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION OF ETHANOL
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether facilities for producing ethanol from molasses are available in the country;

(b) if sothe details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government proposes to provide facility assistance for producing ethanol directly from sugarcane juice;

(d) if so,the details thereof;

(e) the details of progress made in this regard so far; and

(f) the time by which this scheme is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes,Sir.As per industry sources, a total production capacity of about 1500 million liters of ethanol is available in the country with the sugar industry and the stand-alone distilleries.

(c): No,Sir.However from December 2007,the sugar factories have been permitted to directly convert sugarcane juice into ethanol.

(d), (e) & (f): Do not arise.